

MONTHLY EXPENSE ACCOUNT.

STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
THE STATE OF TEXASTo O. W. Goodman, Dr.—Continued.
November, 1916.

Date.	Transportation From.	To.	Railroad Fare.	Hotel Bills.	Remarks.
22	Sulphur Springs	Greenville	\$.95	\$ 3.00	
23	Greenville	Denison	1.60		
	Denison	Sherman	.95	3.00 Bus	\$.25
24	Sherman	Dallas	2.00	3.50	
25	Dallas			3.75	
26	Dallas	Fort Worth	.70	4.00	
27	Fort Worth	Houston	8.55	2.50	2.00
	Stenographers on Corn Bulletin				5.00
					Stamps .50
Total			\$ 64.35	\$ 72.75	\$19.75

I do solemnly swear that the above expense account, aggregating \$155.85, is correct, just, and no part of same has been paid, and each item shown therein was actually expended by me for the purpose therein stated.

O. W. GOODMAN.

Sworn to and subscribed before me by O. W. Goodman on this the 5th day of December, 1916.
-----Notary Public, Travis County, Texas.

Approved on this 6th day of December, 1916, for \$155.85 payable out of the appropriation
EXP. EX. MEN. BUR. MAR. Y386.

FRED W. DAVIS, Commissioner of Agriculture.

Y-386—Extra men.

Note.

Attached to each statement of account is the certificate of H. B. Terrell, Comptroller of Public Accounts, to the effect that the statement is a true and correct copy of original statement of account on file in his office, and attested by his official signature and seal of office.

FORTY-SIXTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Friday, March 9, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Balley.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Clark.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Sulter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Alderdice.	Callwell.
Bee.	Hudspeth.

King.
McCollum.

McNealus.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Clark.

Petitions and Memorials.

See Appendix.

Committee Reports.

See Appendix.

House Bill No. 783 Re-referred.

By unanimous consent, and on request of Senator Dean, H. B. No. 783 was withdrawn from the Committee on Public Claims and Accounts and

referred to the Committee on Finance.

Messages from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

S. B. No. 182, A bill to be entitled "An Act to further regulate the organization, supervision and control of State banks and bank and trust companies incorporated under the general banking laws of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

Refused to pass H. J. R. No. 19; copy herewith transmitted.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

S. B. No. 271, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate the incorporation of the city of Texas City, and to declare valid all acts pertaining to the incorporation of said city, and to declare valid and binding each, and every of the official acts of the mayor and city commissioners sitting as a board of commissioners, since the incorporation of said city of Texas City."

S. B. No. 430, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend special road law of Morris County, passed by the Thirty-first Legislature and amended at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, and creating a more efficient road law for Morris County."

S. B. No. 311, A bill to be entitled "An Act authorizing the county commissioners court of Grayson County, Texas, to appropriate money for the purpose of using additional farm demonstration agents and for a Canning Club demonstration agent."

S. B. No. 424, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 69 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, and approved by the Governor on March 23, 1911, being an Act entitled 'An Act incorporating the

Winnsboro Independent School District in Wood and Franklin Counties, Texas, for free school purposes only, defining its boundaries and providing a board of trustees, etc."

S. B. No. 304, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Turkey Independent School District in Hall County, Texas; providing for a board of trustees and conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all rights, powers and privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the general laws of the State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees; to provide for the election of trustees, for the raising of revenue, issuing bonds, building and maintaining schoolhouses, maintaining public free schools, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 363, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prescribe the time of holding the terms of the district court in the various counties comprising the Thirty-eighth Judicial District of the State of Texas, and to repeal all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 417, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Aspermont Independent School District in Stone-wall County, Texas; defining its metes and bounds; vesting it with rights, powers, duties and privileges of independent school districts incorporated for free school purposes under the General Laws of this State; providing a board of trustees therefor; providing that the outstanding indebtedness of the Aspermont Independent School District as same was incorporated under the General Laws of this State shall be assumed by the Aspermont Independent School District as created by this Act, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 407, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 1, Chapter 67, Special Laws of Texas, Acts of the Thirty-first Legislature, Regular Session, entitled 'An Act creating the Hamlin Independent School District in Jones County, Texas, defining its boundaries; providing for the election of a board of trustees to manage and control the public free schools within said district, and declaring an emergency'."

S. B. No. 414, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Grimes County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 406, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 7 of Chapter 6 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature, 1915, being an Act entitled 'An Act to create a more efficient road system for Wood County, etc., and declaring an emergency'."

S. B. No. 352, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 75, Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of 1907, being an Act to authorize, enable and permit the territory within the boundaries of the town of Estelline, in Hall County, Texas, and other lands and territory adjacent thereto to incorporate as independent school district for free school purposes only, known as Estelline Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

H. B. No. 723, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define and construe an Act approved March 16, 1907, being Chapter 26 of the Special Laws of the Thirtieth Legislature and amendments thereto by an Act approved September 1, 1910, being Chapter 1 of Special Laws of the Fourth Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, 1910, authorizing the County of Galveston to build and construct a causeway and to issue bonds therefor; defining and construing the intention of said Acts to be that an issue of bonds and levy of said tax by said county for such purpose can be made whenever said causeway needs reconstruction in whole or in part or needs repairs; declaring the object and intent being to provide the State of Texas at all times with suitable access to the port of Galveston; and the further purpose of this Act being to validate an issue to be made of \$600,000 of bonds, a second issue for construction of causeway lost in storm of August, 1915, that issue of bonds being under the terms and provisions of said Act as amended, so as to authorize the issue of said bonds in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution of this State, including Article 3, Section 52, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 355, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 854, Title

22, Chapter 4, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, as amended by Senate Bill No. 342, Chapter 152, page 326, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Thirty-third Legislature at its Regular Session, so as to provide for working of the streets by male inhabitants of cities and towns incorporated under the General Laws, not exceeding five days for each year; and providing for the payment of money in lieu of such work; and authorizing such cities and towns to enforce such provisions by appropriate ordinances, and including the fixing of penalties and fines for violation thereof."

H. B. No. 796, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Pineland Independent School District No. 3 in Sabine County, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. 560, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an annual vacation to paid firemen in cities of 2,500 inhabitants or over; providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 776, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the Local and Special Laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, which said Act was 'An Act incorporating the Meridian Independent School District in Bosque County, Texas, for free school purposes only, etc., and declaring an emergency'."

H. B. No. 767, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend the caption of Chapter 41 of the local and special laws of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, the same being a McLennan County road law and being Senate Bill No. 360, etc."

H. B. No. 748, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Kelton Independent School District of Wheeler County, Texas, and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 782, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119, of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to official shorthand reporters' compensation in Bexar County."

H. B. No. 802, A bill to be entitled

"An Act changing the boundaries of Caps Independent School District, and View Common School District No. 52, in Taylor County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 813, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating Smiley Independent School District in Gonzales County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 815, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 5, Article 30, paragraph 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, which article provides for judicial districts of the State, and which paragraph defines the Twenty-first Judicial District and determines the date and length of term of such district court in each of the counties of the said district, and which amendment provides for a change in the term of said court in Lee County," with engrossed rider.

H. B. No. 790, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Stanton Independent School District, of Martin County, Texas, by adding to the present Stanton Independent School District more territory, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 791, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Newton Independent School District, etc., and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 174, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm the title to the south league of a two-league grant to Jose Antonio Sepulveda in Trinity County, abandoning all claims of the State of Texas to said land, and declaring an emergency," with amendments.

S. B. No. 385, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Jim Wells County, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Jim Wells County when acting as ex officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

Concurs in Senate amendments to H. B. Nos. 72, 231, 536 and 654.

Does not concur in Senate amendments to H. B. No. 48, and requests the appointment of a conference committee. The following have been appointed on the part of the House: Messrs. Metcalfe, Sackett, Beasley, Tilson and Woodul.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Bills Read and Referred.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Hobby) had referred, after their captions had been read, the following House Bills:

H. B. No. 791, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 790, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 815, referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 813, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 802, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 782, referred to the Committee on Judicial Districts.

H. B. No. 748, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 767, referred to the Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

H. B. No. 776, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 550, referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

H. B. No. 796, referred to the Committee on Educational Affairs.

H. B. No. 355, referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

H. B. No. 723, referred to the Committee on Towns and City Corporations.

Bills and Resolutions.

By Senator Caldwell:

S. B. No. 476, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Bertram Independent School District in Burnet County, Texas, including the present Bertram Independent School District; providing for a board of trustees in said independent school district; conferring upon said district and its board of trustees all of the rights, powers, privileges and duties now conferred and imposed by the General Laws of this State upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof; providing that no clause or section of this Act shall interfere in any way with outstanding bonded indebtedness of the present Bertram Independent School District or the local maintenance tax heretofore levied and collected in said district, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Hudspeth:

S. B. No. 477, A bill to be entitled "An Act making appropriations for deficiencies in appropriation made for the support of the Texas School for the Blind, for the fiscal year ending August 21, 1917, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Finance.

Morning call concluded.

Senate Bill No. 287.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Gibson, the Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

S. B. No. 287, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 104 of the General Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Texas, approved April 2, 1913, the same being an Act to amend Article 4893, Title 71, Chapter 9 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, prohibiting the use of coinsurance clauses in any policy or contract of insurance covering property in this State, and amending said Article 4893, providing that coinsurance clauses may be used in any policy or contract of insurance covering property in this State at the option of the assured, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Alderdice.	Harley.
Buchanan of Bell.	Hopkins.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Hudspeth.
Clark.	Johnston of Harris.
Dayton.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Parr.
Gibson.	

Nays—10.

Bailey.	Lattimore.
Dean.	Page.
Floyd.	Robbins.
Johnson of Hall.	Sulter.
King.	Westbrook.

Present—Not Voting.

Strickland.

Absent.

Hall.	Smith.
McNealus.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Pair Recorded.

Senator Bee (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator Caldwell (absent), who would vote "yea."

Senator Gibson moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 287 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Free Conference Committee on House Bill No. 48 Elected.

Senator Bee made the following motion in writing:

"I move the Senate grant the request of the House for a free conference committee on House Bill No. 48, and the following Senators be elected on said committee: Parr, Hudspeth, Clark, Buchanan of Scurry, Caldwell."

The motion was read and adopted, carrying the election of the committee named.

Bills Signed.

The Chair (Lieutenant Governor Hobby) gave notice of signing and did sign, in the presence of the Senate, after their captions had been read, the following bills:

S. B. No. 389, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the Calvert Independent School District, in Robertson County, Texas, for free school purposes only, etc."

S. B. No. 375, A bill to be entitled "An Act to reorganize the Seventh, Fourteenth and Fortieth Judicial Districts and to create the Eighty-fifth Judicial District of Texas, and providing for the appointment of the district judge for said Eighty-fifth Judicial District, and providing for holding the district courts and the terms thereof in the Seventh, Fourteenth, Fortieth and Eighty-fifth Judicial Districts, and providing that all process, recognizances, bail bonds, appeal bonds, and jurors heretofore selected are valid and returnable to first session after this Act takes effect, and validating all judgments and decrees of the said courts, and providing for the continuation of any district court mentioned to the end

of its term, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 377, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 1 of Chapter 58 of the Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas; creating the Huntsville Independent School District in Walker County, Texas, and defining its boundaries, and declaring an emergency."

S. B. No. 234, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the San Antonio Independent School District and defining its boundaries; authorizing and providing the manner of election of trustees, and prescribing their qualifications and terms of office; which trustees shall be known as the San Antonio Board of Education, etc."

S. B. No. 34, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing a salary for district attorneys in counties having a population of more than 100,000 of \$500.00 and all fees, commissions, and perquisites earned by such office and exempting such district attorney from making accounting as required by Articles 3894 to 3897, inclusive, and by other provisions of law of such fees, commissions and perquisites, and repealing all laws fixing a maximum compensation allowed such district attorney to pay over any excess fees."

Senate Bill No. 46.

The Chair laid before the Senate as regular order and pending business under a special order, on its second reading:

S. B. No. 46, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7684 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, by providing a period of limitation within which action must be brought to foreclose liens upon land securing taxes, providing a period within which such liens shall become barred."

Senator Dean offered the following amendments which were read and adopted, being voted on separately: (See pages 811 to 814 inclusive for the amendments in full).

Senator Suiter offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted:

Amend Senate Bill No. 46 as amended by changing the number of

Section 9 to Section 10 and insert a new Section 9 as follows:

Sec. 9: All suits for taxes may be brought in the county in which the property is situated and in which the taxes are due.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Dean, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 46 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—22.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Clark.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey.	Johnston of Harris.
Caldwell.	Lattimore.
Floyd.	McNealus.
Hudspeth.	Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—24.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.

Absent.

Clark.	Lattimore.
Floyd.	McNealus.
Hudspeth.	Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Senator Dean moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 46 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

House Bill No. 33.

(By unanimous consent.)

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 33, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating for Dallas County an additional county court at law, providing a name therefor; prescribing the jurisdiction thereof; providing for the election and qualification of the judge thereof; fixing the judge's compensation; specifying the terms of said court; prescribing the fees to be collected by the judge thereof; prescribing the powers and duties of the judge thereof," etc.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

On motion of Senator Dayton, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and House Bill No. 33 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice,	Hudspeth.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Bell.	King.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Page.
Clark.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Sulter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.
Harley.	

Absent.

Dean.	Lattimore.
Floyd.	Smith.
Hopkins.	Strickland.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.	McNealus.
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The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—23.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	King.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Page.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Clark.	Robbins.
Dayton.	Strickland.
Decherd.	Sulter.
Gibson.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Dean.	Johnston of Harris.
Floyd.	McCollum.
Hall.	Smith.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.	McNealus.
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Senator Dayton moved to reconsider the vote by which House Bill No. 33 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 58.

The Chair announced that Senate Bill No. 58 was the next bill in regular order for consideration (the original of which had been lost or misplaced).

Senator Strickland asked for unanimous consent to have the Secretary of the Senate substitute an exact copy of the lost bill and to make thereon all endorsements belonging on the bill as shown by the records of the Calendar Clerk.

There was no objection and the substitution of an exact and true copy of the lost bill was made by the Secretary.

The Chair laid before the Senate as pending special order on second reading:

C. S. for S. B. No. 58, A bill to be entitled "An Act defining and prohibiting, under penalties, conspiracies to blacklist and other practices, or to prevent ex-employees' from securing employment; requiring corporations to keep certain records of information given or received by them or their officers or agents in their behalf concerning the character, skill, habits or ability of employees or ex-employees, and providing

penalties for failure of corporations or their officers or representatives to comply with such requirements; prescribing certain limitations upon the terms of the Act; prescribing certain rules of evidence; declaring the terms of the Act to be separable, and declaring an emergency."

Senator Strickland offered the following amendment to the committee report, which was read and adopted:

Amend committee report on C. S. for S. B. No. 58 by adding after the word "thereof," line 27, page 4, the words "and that the original bill be not printed."

The committee report as amended and carrying the committee substitute bill was adopted.

(Senator Gibson in the chair.)

Senator Page offered the following amendment:

Amend the bill by striking out all of line 9 on page 2 of the printed bill after the word "surety," and further amend by striking out all lines 10 to 24, inclusive, on page 2 of the printed bill.

Senator Suiter offered the following substitute for the pending amendment:

Amend the printed bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out the words "such or any other information" and insert in lieu thereof the following: "Any information other than a true statement or to make any suggestions."

Pending.

Senate Bill No. 174—House Amendments Concurred In.

Senator Strickland called up for the purpose of consideration of the House amendment to

S. B. No. 174, A bill to be entitled "An Act to validate, ratify and confirm the title to the south league of a two-league grant to Jose Antonio Sepulveda in Trinity County, abandoning all claims of the State of Texas to said land, and declaring an emergency."

The following House amendment was laid before the Senate and read:

Amend Section 1 of S. B. No. 174 by striking therefrom the clause reading: "This Act shall not apply to any defect of title that may have occurred after the original grant to the said Jose Antonio Sepulveda," and substituting therefor after the

words "validated, ratified and confirmed," the following: "Unto the said Jose Antonio Sepulveda, his heirs or assigns, but no further."

On motion of Senator Strickland, the Senate concurred in the amendment.

Recess.

At 12:15 o'clock p. m., on motion of Senator Clark, the Senate recessed until 2 o'clock today.

After Recess.

The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

Senate Bill No. 237—House Amendments Concurred In.

Senator Gibson called up for consideration of the House amendments to

S. B. No. 237, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 179 of the General Laws of the State of Texas passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, entitled 'An Act relating to employers' liability and providing for the compensation of certain employes and their representatives and beneficiaries, for personal injuries sustained in the course of employment, and for deaths resulting from such injuries and to provide and determine in what cases compensation shall be paid," etc.

The House amendments were laid before the Senate and read.

(See pages 973 to 976, inclusive, of the Senate Journal for the amendments in full.)

(Senator Alderdice in the chair.)

Senator Gibson offered in writing the following motion:

"We move that the Senate do now concur in the House amendments to Senate Bill No. 237."

Dayton, Caldwell, Gibson, Johnson, Bee, Robbins, Buchanan of Scurry, Hall, Hudspeth, Bailey, Alderdice, Smith, Harley, Suiter, Clark, Westbrook, Page, Strickland, Floyd.

Senator Lattimore offered the following substitute for the pending motion:

"I move that the Senate do not concur in House amendments to Senate Bill No. 237, and that it ask for a free conference on said bill to consider and adjust the difference."

"LATTIMORE."

Senator Hudspeth moved to table the substitute, and moved the previous question on the motion to concur, which being duly seconded, the main question was ordered.

The motion to table the substitute prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Bailey.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Hudspeth.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Johnson of Hall.
Caldwell.	Johnston of Harris.
Clark.	McCollum.
Decherd.	Page.
Floyd.	Parr.
Gibson.	Strickland.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.

Nays—7.

Alderdice.	McNealus.
Buchanan of Bell.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Lattimore.	

Absent.

Dayton.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Pair Recorded.

Senator Suiter (present), who would vote aye; Senator King (absent), who would vote no.

Action then recurred upon the motion to concur and the same prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—27.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Bee.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McCollum.
Clark.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Westbrook.
Harley.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Nays—2.

Buchanan of Bell. McNealus.

Absent.

King.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which House amendments were concurred in and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

(Senator Gibson in the chair.)

Senate Bill No. 352—House Amendment Concurred In.

Senator Johnson of Hall called up for the purpose of consideration of the House amendment to:

S. B. No. 352, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 2, Chapter 75, Special Laws of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature of 1907, being an Act to authorize, enable and permit the territory within the boundaries of the town of Estelline, in Hall County, Texas, and other lands and territory adjacent thereto to incorporate as independent school district for free school purposes only, known as Estelline Independent School District, with all the powers, rights and duties of independent school districts formed by incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes, and declaring an emergency."

The following House amendment was laid before the Senate and read:

Amend Senate Bill No. 352 as follows: by striking out all after the word "east" in line 8 of Section 1, down to and including the word "river," in line 15, and insert the following: "Thence east along the south line of sections 186, 2, 3, 17 and 18, to the east line of Hall County; thence north on the east line of Hall County to the south bank of Red River."

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall the Senate concurred in the amendment.

Simple Resolution No. 113.

(By unanimous consent.)

Whereas, fifty-two years have now elapsed since the conclusion of the war between the States, and during every session of the Texas Legislature in those fifty-two years brave soldiers of the Lost Cause have represented the people of Texas in the Senate of this State; and

Whereas, there are few remaining of those brave and gallant men who fought for Texas and for the South in that memorable conflict, and these few are to be gathered together in general reunion in the City of Washington, the capital of the nation, in the month of June of this year; and

Whereas, this reunion of 1917 may be the last which shall ever be held of the men who wore the gray, and will certainly be the most important gathering of them which will be held, and will draw together in the seat of government of the earth's greatest nation the few remaining thousands of those hosts of Lee, Johnson, Jackson, Beauregard, Hill, Longstreet and Hood, which held at bay ten times their number of the bravest and best fighting men in the world for four long years; and

Whereas, there is now in the Senate of the State of Texas one of the men who served in the Confederate States army with credit to himself and honor to his people, and who since the close of the conflict has served the United States, the South and Texas with all the ability of a strong intellect and a willing heart, and who has ever been a friend to the old soldiers, whether of the Blue or the Gray, as well as to the helpless and the afflicted wherever they might be found, and who for thirty-nine years has worked as few men have been able to work for the up-building of this State and for the prosperity and happiness of its people; and,

Whereas, it is the desire of this State to convey to the soldiers of the Confederate States of America who shall assemble in reunion in Washington an appreciation of the bravery they displayed, the sacrifices they made, the privations they endured in defense of their homes, in defense of the South, and in defense of Texas from 1861 to 1865; and now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of the

Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas in regular session assembled, That Hon. R. M. Johnston, Senator from the Sixteenth Senatorial District of Texas, brave soldier in the Confederate Army, able statesman and true citizen, be and is hereby constituted the Special Delegate of Honor from the Senate of the State of Texas to the Confederate Veterans' Reunion before mentioned; and be it further

Resolved, That Senator Johnston convey to the Confederate soldiers in reunion assembled the sentiments of this Senate herein recited, and express to them the pleasure that this Senate of the State of Texas feels in thus sending as its Special Delegate of Honor to their reunion one of their own number, a man who fought with them and who knows as they know what they endured in behalf of their country and of this State; and that Senator Johnston further express to the Confederate soldiers the feeling of this Senate and of its every member that, in thus honoring the men who wore the gray this Senate of the State of Texas does but honor itself and the people of this State; and be it further

Resolved, That there be and hereby is appropriated from the contingent expense fund of this Senate the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to pay the expenses of the Special Delegate of Honor herein named and constituted on the mission upon which this Senate hereby sends him; and be it further

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Senate duly certify to this resolution and that it be the credentials of our distinguished delegate as the bearer of this message, passed unanimously by the Senate of the State of Texas.

W. S. Woodward, Geo. W. Dayton, Carlos Bee, A. Parr, Paul D. Page, E. A. Decherd Jr., S. M. King, Lon A. Smith, Jas. A. Harley, I. E. Clark, W. L. Hall, J. J. Stickland, F. M. Gibson, J. M. Alderdice, Jno. M. Henderson, C. B. Hudspeth, W. A. Johnson, Lattimore, W. D. Caldwell, W. L. Dean, C. R. Buchanan, A. C. Buchanan, Jno. H. Bailey, Geo. M. Hopkins, J. C. McNealus, W. D. Sulter, A. C. Robbins, R. E. Westbrook, Chas. R. Floyd, A. R. McCollum.

The resolution was read and

adopted unanimously by a rising vote of the Senate.

Messages from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 755, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a special road law for Eastland County."

H. B. No. 795, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating and incorporating the Goldthwaite Independent School District in Mills County, Texas, including the town of Goldthwaite, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has adopted the Conference Committee report on Senate Bill No. 11 by the following vote: Yeas, 98; nays, 17.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Hall of the House of Representatives,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bill:

H. B. No. 615, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the General Laws of the Thirty-second Legislature, approved March 17, 1911, and entitled 'An Act to provide for the location, establishment and maintenance of two colonies for the treatment of persons suffering from tuberculosis and to provide for the care and treatment of indigent consumptives, and making an appropriation therefor; defining a "citizen" as used in this Act, and declaring an emergency,' as amended by the Act of March 31, 1913, by adding thereto Sections 22, 23 and 24, authorizing charitable fraternities or socie-

ties in this State to erect upon the grounds of the State Tuberculosis Sanitarium accommodations for the preferential use of their own members and their families and the widows and children of their deceased members, such persons to be otherwise admitted, maintained, cared for and treated in said sanitarium under the same rules and regulations as other patients thereof, and declaring an emergency," with engrossed rider.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk, House of Representatives.

Senate Bill No. 58.

(Pending.)

Action recurred upon pending business, Senate Bill No. 58, the question being upon the substitute amendment of Senator Sulter offered for the amendment of Senator Page.

By unanimous consent, the substitute and pending amendments were withdrawn.

Senator Sulter offered the following amendment:

(1) Amend the printed bill, page 2, line 10, by striking out the words, "such as any other information" and insert in lieu thereof the following, "any information other than a true statement or to make any suggestion."

Senator Page offered the following amendment to the amendment:

Amend the Amendment No. 1 by adding after the word "suggestion" "unless such suggestion shall be in the nature of a true statement of some fact affecting the character, qualification or fitness of such employe for the situation sought by him."

Senator Strickland offered a substitute for the amendment to the amendment (the substance of which the Journal Clerk is not in possession of).

Senator Strickland asked unanimous consent to withdraw his amendment, which was granted.

Senator Sulter moved to table the amendment to the amendment, which prevailed by the following vote:

Yeas—13.

Alderdice.
Bailey.
Bee.

Buchanan of Bell
Floyd.
Hall.

Hudspeth. Strickland.
Johnston of Harris. Suiter.
Lattimore. Westbrook.
McNealus.

Nays—11.

Buchanan of Scurry. Johnson of Hall.
Clark. Page.
Dayton. Parr.
Dean. Robbins.
Decherd. Woodward.
Hopkins.

Present—Not Voting.

Gibson. McCollum.

Absent.

Harley.

Pairs Recorded.

Senator Smith (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Henderson (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Caldwell (present), who would vote "nay"; Senator King (absent), who would vote "yea."

Action recurred upon the amendment of Senator Suiter.

Senator McNealus made the point of order that a motion to table an amendment to an amendment which prevails, brings the Senate to a direct vote on the pending amendment, that each are parts of the same question, and that after the roll is called on the motion to table, it cannot be interrupted by discussion of the pending amendment, but must continue and be called on amendment at once.

The Chair (Senator Gibson) overruled the point of order.

Action recurred on the amendment of Senator Suiter and the same was adopted.

Senator Robbins offered the following amendment, which was read and adopted.

(2) Amend S. B. No. 58, page 1, printed bill, by striking out all of line 30 after the word "employer" and all of lines 31 and 32 of the same page.

S. B. No. 58 pending.

Simple Resolution No. 114.

(By unanimous consent.)

Be it resolved by the Senate of Texas, that

Whereas, Our nation is now passing through the greatest crisis in its his-

tory, when the sacredness of American rights and American lives are disregarded and her authority and power as a nation defied as never before in the history of our country; when our foreign commerce is paralyzed and our domestic affairs greatly disturbed by the unparalleled course of wanton destruction of our shipping upon the high seas, and

Whereas, We, as patriotic Americans, desire to see the honor of our nation upheld and the rights and lives of our citizens protected by peaceful means, if possible, by force if necessary; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we have confidence in the patriotism and wise leadership of our President, Woodrow Wilson, and having exhausted all honorable peaceful means in his effort to protect American rights and American honor, we indorse his present policy of an armed neutrality to meet the serious menace with which we are confronted on the nation's highways.

Resolved, That we indorse and commend the course pursued by our United States Senators, Charles A. Culberson and Morris Sheppard, and members of the House of Representatives, in standing with the President in his efforts to preserve the dignity and honor of our common country.

Resolved, That this resolution be printed in the Journal and that the Secretary of the Senate be instructed to forward a copy of same to each of our United States Senators, to each member of the House of Representatives from Texas, and to President Wilson.

ROBBINS,
ALDERDICE.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Message from the House.

Hall of the House of Representatives.
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: I am directed by the House to inform the Senate that the House has passed the following bills:

H. B. No. 811, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road system for Trinity County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. B. No. 789, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish Common School

District No. 10, in Dickens County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency."

H. J. R. No. 31, Proposing to amend the Constitution of the State of Texas by amending Article 5 thereof, pertaining to the judicial department of the State of Texas, fixing the date for the election to be held hereunder and making an appropriation to pay expenses of said election.

Concurs in Senate amendments to House Bill No. 238, by the following vote: Yeas, 106; nays, 2.

Adopted Free Conference Committee report on House Bill No. 502.

Respectfully,

BOB BARKER,

Chief Clerk House of Representatives.

House Bill No. 502—Free Conference Report.

Committee Room,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate; Hon. F. O. Fuller, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Sirs: We, your Free Conference Committee, appointed by the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House, respectively, to consider

H. B. No. 502, with Senate amendments,
Beg leave to report as follows:

We have adjusted the differences that have arisen between the two Houses by reason of the amendments attached to the bill by the Senate, and we recommend that the House and Senate, respectively, concur in all amendments.

Respectfully submitted,.

LANGE,
FISHER,
SPRADLEY,

On Part of the House.

HUDSPETH,
WESTBROOK,
BEE,
KING,

HOPKINS,

On Part of the Senate.

On motion of Senator Bee the report was adopted by the Senate.

Senate Bill No. 285—As Special Order.

Senator Bailey asked for unanimous consent to have Senate Bill No. 285

set as a special order after the morning call and after the disposition of Senate Bill No. 219.

There was no objection, and the bill was accordingly set as a special order for said time.

Recess.

We move that we recess until 8 o'clock tonight and that the regular order of business be suspended for the night session and the roll be called, and each Senator be permitted, in order, to take up and pass any bill or resolution about which there is no contest, and in case of contest or discussion such bill or resolution shall be immediately put aside and another bill or resolution called up; also in case of objection by at least two Senators.

Buchanan of Bell, Hopkins, Smith, Buchanan of Scurry, Strickland, Alderdice, Decherd, Bee, Parr, Caldwell, Dayton, Johnson, Westbrook, Dean, Lattimore, Robbins, Hudspeth, Parr.

The motion prevailed.

After Recess.

(Night Session.)

The Senate was called to order by Senator Dayton.

By unanimous consent, the Senate stood at ease for fifteen minutes.

Order of Business.

Senator Johnson of Hall moved that all local bills on the calendar be taken up and engrossed or passed to third reading.

The motion prevailed.

Bills and Resolutions.

(By unanimous consent.)

By Senator Dean:

S. B. No. 478, A bill to be entitled "An Act incorporating and creating the Phelps Independent School District in Walker County, Texas, for free school purposes only, defining its boundaries and providing for the election of a board of trustees, for the raising of revenue by taxation;

issuing bonds for the raising of money for building purposes, and maintaining public free schools therein, vesting the property included within this Act in said Phelps Independent School District, and vesting said district and the board of trustees thereof with all rights, powers, privileges and duties conferred and imposed by general laws upon independent school districts and the board of trustees thereof, formed by the incorporation of towns and villages for free school purposes only under the general laws, declaring valid a maintenance tax heretofore voted, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Educational Affairs.

By Senator Bee:

S. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create a more efficient road law for Duval County, Texas; fixing the compensation of the commissioners of Duval County when acting as ex officio road commissioners, and declaring an emergency."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 25.

Whereas, In the report of the Free Conference Committee on House Bill No. 502, a necessary amendment to the caption of such bill was overlooked; therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate of Texas, the House of Representatives concurring, That the Enrolling Clerk of the House be, and is hereby authorized and directed to insert in the caption of House Bill No. 502 after the word "value" the following: "to claimants or."

Bee, Hopkins, Westbrook, Hudspeth.

The resolution was read and adopted.

Senate Bill No. 473.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. B. No. 473, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Tahoka Independent School District in Lynn County, Texas, out of the territory known as Tahoka Common School

District No. 2 in said county, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 473 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Bailey.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Bailey.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Senate Bill No. 423.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 423, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the County Court of Kerr County the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 475.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 475, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Girard Independent School District in Kent County, Texas, out of the territory known as the Girard Common School District No. 13 in said county; defining its boundaries and providing for the election of trustees therefor and authorizing the board of trustees to levy, assess and collect special taxes, conferring upon the board of trustees plenary powers, etc."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 472.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 472, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of 1913, providing for more efficient road laws for Bexar County, etc., and declaring an emergency."

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 468.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 468, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7235, Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, which relates to the mode of preventing horses, cattle and certain other live stock from running at large in particular counties named; and amendment provides for the exemption of the County of Waller from the provisions of the said Article, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

House Bill No. 553.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 553, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7305 of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, relating to the inspection of hides and animals, so as to include among the counties exempted from the provisions of Articles 7256 to 7304, inclusive, the Counties of Coke, Irion, Reagan, Sterling, Tom Green and Upton."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 675.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 675, A bill to be entitled "An Act to permit the Enid, Ochiltree & Western Railroad Company and the owners of its properties, purchased at receiver's sale and its and their assigns, trustees and representatives, to take up and remove its railroad construction heretofore made from within the city of Dalhart, in Dallam County, Texas, to the terminus of its track, approximately thirteen miles in an easterly direction in Hartley County, Texas, and to sell and dispose of same and aban-

don the same. and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, the bill was passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 769.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 769, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 7 of the special road law in force in Van Zandt County, as enacted by the Thirty-third Legislature and approved March 25, 1913," etc.

The Senate rule requiring committee reports to lie over one day was suspended.

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

On motion of Senator Parr, the bill was passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 725.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 725, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending Section 14 of the Stephens County road law as enacted by the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature, increasing the pay of each county commissioner from two to three dollars a day, or to an amount not exceeding one hundred and thirty-five dollars per quarter when acting as road commissioner, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to its third reading.

House Bill No. 450.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

H. B. No. 450, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend subdivision 2, Article 7355, Chapter 1, Title 126, of the Revised Statutes of the State of Texas for 1911, levying an occupation tax upon traveling venders of patent medicines."

On motion of Senator Alderdice the bill was passed to its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 326.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 326, A bill to be entitled "An Act to aid the County of Chambers in rebuilding roads and bridges within said county, which were destroyed by a flood and storm in said county on August 16, 1915, by donating and granting to it, the said County of Chambers, the State ad valorem taxes and a part of the occupation and poll taxes collected on property and from persons in Chambers County for a period of ten years, and to provide a penalty for their misapplication."

The committee report carrying the committee amendments was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 470.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 470, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 2877, Title 48, Chapter 17, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, entitled 'Election Local School Tax,' providing that the city or town council or board of aldermen of any city, town or village, whether incorporated under any Act of the Congress of the Republic or the Legislature of the State of Texas or under any Act of incorporation whatever, shall have power by ordinance to annually levy and collect a local tax not to exceed in any one year fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of the property subject to taxation in such district for the support and maintenance of public free schools and the erection and equipment of school buildings therein; providing that no levy of such tax shall be made until an election shall have been held in which none but property tax payers who are qualified voters of such city or town or of such independent school district shall vote, and a majority of those voting shall vote in favor thereof; providing that said tax may be for a specific amount of not to exceed fifty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation; providing that one election for the levy of any such tax or for the repeal of any such tax shall be held in any one calendar year, but whenever the majority of any such

voters have voted in favor of such tax, no election for its repeal shall be held for two years thereafter; making provisions for the levy and collection of said tax; providing that the limitation upon the amount of school district tax authorized by this Act shall not apply to incorporated cities or towns constituting separate and independent school districts as is provided in Section 3, Article 7, of the Constitution of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read and Senator Bee offered the following amendments which were read and adopted, being voted on separately:

(1) Amend S. B. No. 407 by striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting the following:

That Articles 2877, 2878, 2879 and 2880 of Chapter 17, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, be amended so as to hereafter read as follows:

Article 2876. The city or town council or board of aldermen of any city or commission of any city, town or village, whether incorporated under any Act of the Congress of the Republic, or the Legislature of the State of Texas, or under any Act of incorporation whatever, shall have power by ordinance to annually levy and collect such ad valorem taxes for the support and maintenance of public free schools and for the erection and equipment of public free school buildings in the city or town where such city or town is a separate and independent school district; provided, that no such tax shall be levied until an election shall have been held, at which none but property taxpayers, as shown by the last assessment rolls, who are qualified voters of such independent school district, shall vote, and a majority of those voting shall vote in favor thereof. The proposition submitted may be for such a rate of ad valorem tax not exceeding such per cent as may be voted by a majority vote of all votes cast at such election. One election, and no more, shall be held thereafter in any one calendar year to ascertain whether a school tax shall be levied. If the proposition is carried the school tax shall be continued to be annually levied and collected for at least two years, and thereafter, unless it be discontinued at an election held to determine whether the tax

shall be continued or discontinued, at the request of fifty property taxpayers of such independent school district. When the tax is continued no election to discontinue it shall be held for two years; when the tax is discontinued no election to levy a tax shall be held during the same year.

Article 2877. If the vote of the taxpayers is in favor of said tax, then it shall be the duty of the council or board of aldermen, annually thereafter, to levy upon the taxable property in the limits of such district, in accordance with the usual assessment of taxes for municipal purposes, such additional tax as may be necessary for the support and maintenance of the public schools and for the erection and equipment of public school buildings for nine months in the year not to exceed the rate of tax voted.

Article 2878. In a city or town that has assumed the exclusive control of the public free schools within its limits and has decided under the laws providing therefor, that a special tax shall be levied for the support and maintenance of such public free schools and the erection and equipment of public free school buildings, the mayor and council or board of aldermen of such city or town shall annually assess and levy such tax by ordinance duly passed and approved in the same manner as is required in the assessment and levy of taxes for general purposes in such city or town. In a city or town which has voted upon and directed the levy of a special tax the mayor or council or board of aldermen or commission of such city or town shall annually levy such rate of tax for public school purposes and for the erection and equipment of public school buildings not exceeding the rate of tax voted for the support and maintenance of the public free schools and for the erection and equipment of public school buildings for the term as required by law; but in a city or town that has voted upon and decided at an election held for that purpose that a specified rate of tax shall be assessed and levied in such city or town for the support and maintenance of its public free schools, and for the erection and equipment of public school buildings, the mayor and council or board of aldermen or commission of such city or town shall

have no discretion in fixing the rate at which such tax shall be levied, but shall assess and levy the same at the rate fixed in the proposition as submitted and adopted by the qualified voters of such city or town at the election held for that purpose.

Article 2879. In a city or town that may now or hereafter constitute an independent school district, and where a special tax for school purposes has been voted by the people or provided by special charter, it shall be the duty of said board of trustees to determine what amount of said tax, within the limit voted by the people or fixed by special charter will be necessary for the maintenance and support of the school and for the erection and equipment of public school buildings for each current year; and it shall become the duty of the city council, board of aldermen or city commission upon the requisition of the said board of trustees to annually levy and collect said tax, as other taxes are levied and collected; and said tax, when collected, shall be placed at the disposal of the said school board, by paying over monthly to the treasurer of said board the amount collected for the support and maintenance of the school and for the erection and equipment of public school buildings in such district, to be used for the maintenance and support of the public free schools and for the erection and equipment of public school buildings in such district.

Article 2880. All of Article 2876, Chapter 17, Title 48 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. Owing to the crowded condition of the calendar and the demand for the relief of the independent school districts in cities and towns creates an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days be suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(2) Amend Senate Bill No. 407, by striking out all of the caption and insert the following: "An Act to amend Articles 2877, 2878, 2879 and 2880, Chapter 17, Title 48, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to the assessment, levy and collection of an

additional ad valorem tax for the maintenance and support of the public free schools and the erection and equipment of public school buildings in cities and towns which have heretofore or which may hereafter assume the control of the public schools within their limits; repealing Article 2876, Chapter 17, Title 48, Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, 1911; providing for an election to determine whether such additional tax shall be levied and collected; providing for the assessment and collection of same, the payment and distribution of said tax and re-numbering sections; and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Bee, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 470 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Bailey.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate read third time and passed by the following vote:

Yeas—20.

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent.

Bailey. King.
Decherd. McNealus.
Harley. Page.
Johnston of Harris. Westbrook.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Pair Recorded.

Senator Hudspeth (present), who would vote "yea"; Senator Clark (absent), who would vote "nay."

Senator Bee moved to reconsider the vote by which Senate Bill No. 470 was passed and spread on the Journal the motion to reconsider.

The motion prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 384.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 384, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 4859, Title 71, Chapter 7, relating to reports of local insurance associations, of the Revised Civil Statutes, 1911, of the State of Texas."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry was passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Buchanan of Scurry, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and Senate Bill No. 384 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—21.

Alderdice.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Parr.
Dayton.	Robbins.
Dean.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Hall.	Woodward.
Hopkins.	

Absent.

Bailey.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 94.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 94, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7394 of the Revised Statutes of 1911 so as to provide that the franchise tax on foreign corporations therein levied shall be based upon that proportion of the total issued and outstanding capital stock of such corporation as the gross receipts of such corporation from its intrastate business in Texas bears to its total gross receipts."

The bill was read and Senator Dean offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being voted on separately:

(1) Amend the bill by striking out the words "intrastate business of such corporation done within the State of Texas," lines 28 and 29, page 1, and insert in lieu thereof "the Texas business of such corporation."

(2) Amend the bill by striking out the words "intrastate business done in," line 17, page 2, and add "its" before the word "Texas" and the word "business" after the word "Texas," in said line 17, page 2.

(3) Amend the bill by striking out the word "intrastate," line 23, page 2.

(4) Amend the bill by striking out the word "intrastate," line 28, page 2.

(5) Amend the bill by striking out the words "intrastate business in," line 11, page 1, and by adding after the word "Texas" in same line the word "business."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

On motion of Senator Parr, the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days was suspended and S. B. No. 94 put on its third reading and final passage by the following vote:

Yeas—19.

Alderdice.	Caldwell.
Bee.	Dayton.
Buchanan of Bell.	Dean.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Floyd.

Gibson.	Parr.
Hall.	Robbins.
Hopkins.	Smith.
Hudspeth.	Strickland.
Johnson of Hall.	Woodward.
McCollum.	

Nays—2.

Lattimore.	Suiter.
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Absent.

Bailey.	King.
Clark.	McNealus.
Decherd.	Page.
Harley.	Westbrook.
Johnston of Harris.	

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 412.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 412, A bill to be entitled "An Act amending an Act passed by the Thirty-fifth Legislature of the State of Texas and approved on the 12th day of February, 1917, and known as Senate Bill No. 278, and entitled 'An Act amending Articles 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444 and 2445; Chapter 2, Title 44, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas of 1911, providing for county depositories; providing that the amount of the bond of the county depository shall in no event be for less than the total amount of revenue of the county for the next preceding year; adding Article 2443a; providing and requiring special additional bonds to cover any or all special funds, including the sale or sales of bonds belonging to the county, or a subdivision thereof; providing for the substitution of bonds made under the provisions of this Act, for bonds now in existence, and declaring an emergency.'"

On motion of Senator Dean, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 57 Recommended.

By unanimous consent and on request of Senator Floyd, S. B. No. 57 was recommitted to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

Senate Bill No. 200.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 200, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prevent and punish the desecration or improper use of the flag of the United States of America, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Floyd was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 195.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 195, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 25, Chapter 2, Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, authorizing the formation and organization of private corporations for the purpose of building and operating dry docks and marine railways, by adding thereto Article 75."

The bill was read, and Senator Hall offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being voted on separately:

(1) Amend S. B. No. 195 by striking out the words "Article 75," on page 1, line 14, of the printed bill, and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Section 77."

(2) Amend Senate Bill No. 195 by striking out the words "Article 75," on page 1, line 10, of the printed bill and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Section 77."

On motion of Senator Hall, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 125.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 125, A bill to be entitled "An Act to require the owner, agent or lessee of any land or any present interest therein, on which any stream is located in whole or in part, which overflows its banks and floods the land of other persons under cultivation, to keep the timber underbrush and drifts cleared out of the channels and off the shoals of such creek, making the failure to do so a misdemeanor, prescribing a penalty, fixing damages, and the venue of suits for the recovery thereof and declaring an emergency."

The majority (favorable) committee report was adopted.

Senator Hopkins offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being voted on separately:

(1) Amend S. B. No. 125 by striking out all after the word "offense" in line 27, printed bill, and insert in lieu thereof the following: "provided that this Act shall not apply to streams with channel more than seventy-five feet in width."

(2) Amend S. B. 125 by striking out in the caption the following: "fixing damages and the venue of suits for recovery thereof."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 397.

The Chair laid before the Senate on third reading,

S. B. No. 397, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide for the establishment, maintenance and government of a State Normal College, to be located at Alpine in Brewster County, Texas; to be known as the "Sul Ross State Normal College," and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senator Hudspeth moved to reconsider the vote by which S. B. No. 397 was passed and table the motion to reconsider.

The motion to table prevailed.

Senate Bill No. 461.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

S. B. No. 461, A bill to be entitled "An Act to incorporate the city of Plainview, Hale County, Texas, and to grant it a charter; to define its powers and prescribe its territorial limits, duties and liabilities, repealing all laws or parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 449.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading.

S. B. No. 449, A bill to be entitled "An Act to establish at Arlington, Tarrant County, Texas, a Junior Agricultural, Mechanical and Industrial College to be known as the Grubbs Vocational College, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Lattimore was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 312.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 312, A bill to be entitled "An Act to further promote temperance; to prevent the advertisement of or soliciting of orders for alcoholic, vinous, malt, spirituous or fermented liquors or any compound or preparation thereof commonly called tonic, bitters, or medicated liquors, and to provide for the removal of such advertisement."

The majority (favorable) committee report was adopted.

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Robbins was passed to engrossment.

House Bill No. 105.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on its second reading:

H. B. No. 105, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 7382, Title 126, Chapter 2, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas, 1911, so as to exempt from taxation upon gross receipts in cities and towns of five thousand population or less, as given by the last Federal census, each and every individual, company, corporation or association owning, operating, managing or controlling any telephone line or lines or any telephones within this State and charging for the use of same."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Smith passed to its third reading.

Senate Bill No. 78.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 78, A bill to be entitled "An Act to prohibit contributions of any money or its equivalent by any limited partnership or unincorporated joint stock company or copartnership of any kind for the purpose of aiding or defeating the election of any candidate for the office of Representative in Congress or presidential or vice-presidential elector of this State or United States Senator of this State, or any candidate for any State, district, county or precinct office of this State, or the success or defeat of any question submitted to a vote of the people of this State, or for the purpose of aiding in maintaining or defraying the expense of any campaign or political headquarters maintained for the election or defeat of any candidate for office, or for the success or defeat of any question to be voted upon by the qualified voters of this State or any subdivision thereof; and to prohibit any trustee, manager, director, agent or owner of any unincorporated joint stock company or copartnership from contributing any of the money or other assets of such limited partnership, unincorporated joint stock company or copartnership of any kind for the purpose of aiding or defeating the election of any candidate for the office of Representative in Congress of the United States, presidential or vice-presidential elector from this State or United States Senator from this State, or for any State, district, county or precinct office of this State, or the success or defeat of any question submitted to the vote of the people of this State, providing penalties therefor, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Suiter was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 310.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 310, A bill to be entitled "An Act prescribing the qualifications of the county superintendent of public instruction, fixing the salary of the county superintendent, providing that no present commissions shall be impaired, allowing

commissioners' courts and boards of county school trustees to provide clerical and supervisory help, repealing all laws and parts of laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time and on motion of Senator Bee was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 269.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 269, A bill to be entitled "An Act to define junk dealers; to require such dealers to give bond, prescribing the conditions of such bond; to require such dealers to take bill of sale from each seller; to forbid the purchase of certain articles by such dealers from minors or in the night time; to prescribe penalties, and declaring an emergency."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 4.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. J. R. No. 4, To be entitled A Joint Resolution proposing and submitting to the people of Texas an amendment to the Constitution of the State of Texas, striking therefrom Sections 14 and 16, Article VIII, and by amending Section 44, Article XVI of the Constitution of the State of Texas, so as to abolish the offices of assessor of taxes, collector of taxes and county treasurer, and creating the office of assessor and collector of taxes for each county."

The resolution was read, and on motion of Senator Hopkins was passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 351.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 351, A bill to be entitled "An Act to authorize and empower commissioners courts to purchase poisons and other accessories for the purpose of destroying the prairie dogs, rabbits, rats, coyotes, wolves,

wild cats, gophers, ground squirrels, English sparrows and ravens; giving the commissioners court the authority to sell at cost or give such poisons to all persons residing in the county, to be used for such purpose, and providing procedure for the distribution and use of such poison, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read, and Senator Buchanan of Scurry offered the following amendments, which were read and adopted, being voted on separately:

(1) Amend S. B. 351 by adding after the word "counties," in line 17, page 1, the following: "for the purpose of destroying prairie dogs, rabbits, rats, coyotes, wolves, wildcats, gophers, ground squirrels, English sparrows and ravens."

(2) Amend S. B. 351, line 17, page 1, by striking out the words "the same" in said line immediately after the word "for," and inserting in lieu thereof the words "such poisons and accessories."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 7.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. J. R. No. 7, To amend Section 1 of Article 8 of the Constitution of the State of Texas so as to exempt from taxation county and city bonds, vendor's lien notes and other securities bearing a rate of interest of six per cent or less.

The committee report carrying the committee amendment was adopted.

The resolution was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 369.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. B. No. 369, A bill to be entitled "An Act granting to the city of Austin, for public purposes only, certain land lying between the Colorado River and Outlots 1 and 11, in Division "Z," in the city of Austin, Texas, upon certain terms and conditions; recognizing the lease heretofore made by the State of Texas of said land for the term thereof; providing for the forfeiture of said land

to the State of Texas if used for other purposes than public purposes, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Caldwell the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 466.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. B. No. 466, A bill to be entitled "An Act concerning loan and investment companies, defining same and providing for their incorporation, fixing their powers and supervision."

The committee report that the bill be not printed was adopted.

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 263.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading,

S. B. No. 263, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 1033, Chapter 14, Title 22, of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, adopted in 1911, so as to authorize the incorporation of towns or villages containing more than two hundred (200) and less than ten thousand (10,000) inhabitants."

The bill was read second time and passed to engrossment.

Senate Bill No. 171.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on second reading,

S. B. No. 171, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 3, Title 13, Article 4025 of the Revised Civil Statutes of the State of Texas, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirty-first Legislature, special session, providing for the issuance of hunting license to residents of the State of Texas, so that it shall hereafter be unlawful for any person to hunt or kill or in any manner take or destroy any game quadruped or wild game birds or wild water fowl protected by the game laws of this State, without first having obtained a hunting license from the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner permitting him to do so; and providing for an affidavit to be made by the person making application for such license, and

making it the duty of the clerk of the court to furnish the Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner with a certified copy of the final conviction of all persons convicted for the violation of the laws governing the hunting or killing game quadrupeds, wild game birds or wild water fowl. To amend Chapter 6, Title 13, Article 891 of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, Acts of the Regular Session of the Thirtieth Legislature as amended by the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas; and to amend Chapter 6, Title 13, Article 889, of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas as amended by the Acts of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, and to amend Chapter 6, Title 13, Article 885 of the Revised Penal Code of the State of Texas, Acts of the Regular Session of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Texas; same pertaining to the protection and preservation of wild game, wild game birds and wild water fowl of the State of Texas, and declaring an emergency."

The majority committee report was amended.

On motion of Senator Caldwell the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 291.

The Chair laid before the Senate, on third reading,

S. B. No. 291, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Articles 6756, 6762 and 6763, Title 116, of the Revised Civil Statutes of 1911, of the State of Texas, relating to the compensation and allowances of the Ranger force, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was laid before the Senate, read the third time and passed finally.

Senate Bill No. 80.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 80, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 7, Article 302, of the Penal Code of the State of Texas so that the same shall read as hereinafter set out, and to further amend said Title 7 by inserting after Article 302 a new Article to be known as 302a. Said amended Ar-

ticle 302 and 302a being hereafter fully set forth, and declaring an emergency."

On motion of Senator Johnson of Hall, the bill was laid on the table subject to call.

Senate Bill No. 339.

The Chair laid before the Senate on second reading:

S. B. No. 339, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a State Board and Department of Charities and Corrections, defining its powers and duties, authorizing it to license charitable and correctional institutions soliciting funds from the public, and to charge a fee therefor; appropriating the fees so collected to the support of the department; authorizing the board to visit and inspect all charitable and correctional institutions supported in whole or in part by public funds, except those under the control of the Board of Prison Commissioners, requiring the collection of information and making of annual and special reports to the Governor and the Legislature, and declaring an emergency."

The bill was read second time, and on motion of Senator Lattimore was passed to engrossment.

Adjournment.

At 11 o'clock p. m., on motion of Senator Caldwell, the Senate adjourned until 10 o'clock a. m. tomorrow.

APPENDIX.

Petitions and Memorials.

Senator Johnston of Harris offered a number of telegrams opposing Senate Bill No. 58, a proposed blacklist bill.

Senators Alderdice and Page sent up numerous telegrams from Waxahachie and Somerville, protesting against the passage of Senate Bill No. 58, known as the blacklist bill.

A numerous signed petition from Henrietta, Texas, was offered by Senator Buchanan of Bell, favoring the Torrens land bill.

Senator Alderdice sent up a numer-

ously signed petition protesting against the passage of Senate Bill No. 219.

Senator Parr offered petitions numerously signed by the railroad employees opposing the passage of Senate Bill No. 59, a bill known as the car shed bill.

Engrossing Committee Reports.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 387 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 469 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills has had Senate Bill No. 461 carefully compared, and finds the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills beg to report that we have had Senate Bill No. 267 carefully compared, and find the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Room,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills beg to report that we have had Senate Joint Resolution No. 13 carefully compared and find the same correctly engrossed.

ALDERDICE, Chairman.

Committee Reports.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 749, A bill to be entitled "An Act permitting the commissioners court of Donley County, Texas, to pay the members of said court the sum of \$4 per day while serving at the terms of said court,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Strickland, Buchanan of Scurry, Gibson, Clark, Floyd.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 8, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 740, A bill to be entitled "An Act to repeal Chapter 71, Acts of 1915, Thirty-fourth Legislature of Texas, creating a special road system for Milam County, Texas, and to create a more efficient road system for Milam County, Texas, and making county commissioners ex officio road commissioners, and prescribing their powers and duties as such, and providing for the compensation of such road commissioners, and providing for county road superintendent and prescribing his powers, duties and compensation, and providing for the condemnation of material for the construction and maintenance of public roads, and to provide for the compensation for such material, and to provide for the condemnation of gravel pits and clay pits, and lands at the bridges over rivers and creeks, and providing for the workings of county convicts on the public roads, and the purchase of supplies for convicts and rewards for the capture of escaped county convicts, and for commutation of sentence for the faithful service and good behavior, and providing that

every person liable for road duty shall pay a four (\$4.00) dollar road tax exempting such persons from road duty from such year for which said taxes were paid, and providing for the summoning and working of all parties liable for road duty on the public roads who have not paid such road tax, and permitting substitution and payment of money in lieu of such service, and fixing allowance of time for service of hands and teams on such public road; fixing penalties for violation of same, and providing that the commissioners court shall have supervision over the building of telegraph and telephone lines, and any other public service lines along public roads and providing for collection of delinquent poll tax, and providing further, making this Act accumulative of the general laws now in force, and repeal all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and we beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Strickland, Buchanan of Scurry, Gibson, Clark, Floyd.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred,

H. B. No. 802, A bill to be entitled "An Act changing the boundaries of Caps Independent School District and View Common School District No. 52, in Taylor County, Texas, transferring to View Common School District a portion of the territory now embraced in the Caps School District, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Robbins, Decherd, Floyd, Smith, Hall, Bailey, Dayton, Johnson, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 776, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 56 of the local and special laws of the State of Texas, passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature, which said Act was 'An Act incorporating the Meridian Independent School District in Bosque County, Texas, etc., and declaring an emergency,'"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Decherd, Johnson, Dean, Dayton, Buchanan of Scurry, Robbins, Smith, Bailey, Floyd, Hall.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 796, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Pineland Independent School District No. 3, in Sabine County, Texas, defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Robbins, Harley, Smith, Floyd, Page, Johnson, Dayton, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 790, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Stanton Independent School District of Marlin

County, Texas, by adding to the present Stanton Independent School District more territory, etc., and declaring an emergency."

Have had same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Robbins, Decherd, Floyd, Smith, Hall, Harley, Dayton, Johnston, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 791, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating the Newton Independent School District of Newton County, Texas, defining its boundaries, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Robbins, Harley, Smith, Floyd, Page, Johnson, Dayton, Dean.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Educational Affairs, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 748, A bill to be entitled "An Act to create the Kelton Independent School District of Wheeler County, Texas, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Bee, Chairman; Lattimore, Dayton, Decherd, Buchanan of Scurry, Floyd, Smith, Alderdice, Page, Johnson.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred H. B. No. 757, A bill to be entitled "An Act to fix the time of holding the courts of the Sixty-fourth Judicial District of Texas, to validate all process, bonds and recognizances heretofore taken in the courts of said district and all judgments therein rendered, or to be rendered, repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; King, Suiter, Parr, Hall, Dean, Johnston of Harris.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Judicial Districts, to whom was referred H. B. No. 815, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Title 5, Article 30, paragraph 21, of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, which article provides for judicial districts of the State, and which paragraph defines the Twenty-first Judicial District and determines the date and length of term of such district court in each of the counties of the said district; and which amendment provides for a change in the term of the said court in Lee County,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; King, Suiter, Parr, Hall, Dean, Johnston of Harris, McCollum.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.
Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Ju-

dicial Districts, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 782, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Section 8, Chapter 119 of the General Laws of the State of Texas, passed by the Regular Session of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Texas, 1911, relating to official shorthand reporters compensation in Bexar County,"

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Buchanan of Scurry, Chairman; King, Suiter, Parr, Hall.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 472, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Chapter 77 of the Special Laws passed at the Regular Session of the Thirty-third Legislature of 1913, providing more efficient road laws for Bexar County, that the same may hereafter read as follows: 'An Act providing more efficient road laws for Bexar County, conferring on the commissioners court of Bexar County control of all roads, bridges, drains, ditches, culverts and all works incident to same; providing for the adoption of rules governing same, their alteration or amendment; providing for the abolishment of the office of ex officio road commissioner, and prescribing the salaries of the commissioners; fixing the time of meetings of the commissioners court, and declaring the same cumulative; permitting the county commissioners in Bexar County to engage in other occupations; providing for the manner of purchasing materials and supplies, and making contracts where the amount is over \$50.00 and less than \$500.00,' etc.,

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Buchanan of Scurry, Gibson, Floyd, Strickland, Clark.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 769, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Sections 6 and 7 of the Special Road Law in force in Van Zandt County, as enacted by the Thirty-third Legislature and approved March 25, 1913, providing for the levying of a per capita road tax in the county or in any commissioner's precinct, when such tax shall have been voted by a majority vote in an election held for such purpose upon order of the commissioners' court and prescribing the method of holding such election, and providing for exemption from road duty,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Strickland, Buchanan of Scurry, Gibson, Clark, Floyd.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Public Health, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 544, A bill to be entitled "An Act to amend Article 984 of the Revised Civil Statutes of Texas of 1911, so as to authorize cities and towns to require the filling up, draining and regulating of any lot or lots, grounds or yards, or other places in the city or town which shall be unwholesome, or have stagnant water therein, or from any other cause be in such condition as to be liable to produce disease; to cause to be made or to make inspection of all premises and to impose fines on the owners of houses under which stagnant water may be found, or upon whose premises stagnant water may be found, and to pass such ordinances as they may deem necessary for the purposes aforesaid and for making, filling up, altering or repairing of all sinks and privies, and directing the

mode and material for constructing them in the future, and for cleaning and disinfecting the same; and for cleansing of houses, buildings, yards or grounds of filth, carrion or impure or unwholesome matter of any kind and to punish the owner or occupant violating the provisions of any ordinance so passed as aforesaid; and providing for the removal of weeds, rubbish, brush, etc., from lots, and empowering the city or town council, city commissioners or other governing body of such city or town to make or cause to be made such improvements, to be made at the expense of the city on account of the owners, and to cause the expense of such improvements or work to be assessed on the real estate or lot or lots for or upon which work is done or improvements are made; and making provisions for notice to owners, etc., and providing that a lien may be fixed upon such lot or lots, etc., for the improvements done; and also providing how the amounts expended in such improvements or work may be fixed and providing for suit and foreclosure of the lien so given and the rate of interest to be paid on amounts so expended; repealing all laws in conflict therewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

McNealus, Chairman; Clark, Bee, Decherd, Smith.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Civil Jurisprudence, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 423, A bill to be entitled "An Act to restore and confer upon the county court of Kerr County the civil and criminal jurisdiction belonging to said court under the Constitution and General Statutes of Texas; to define the jurisdiction of said court; to conform the jurisdiction of the district court of said county to said change; to fix the time of holding court and to repeal all laws in conflict with this Act, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under considera-

tion, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass, and be not printed.

Bailey, Chairman; Hopkins, Suiter, Harley, Dean, Lattimore, Bee, Alderdice, Hall.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: We, your Committee on Roads, Bridges and Ferries, to whom was referred

S. B. No. 479, A bill to be entitled "An Act creating a more efficient road system for Duval County, Texas, and making the county commissioners of said county ex officio road commissioners and prescribing their duties as such, etc., and declaring an emergency,"

Have had the same under consideration and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be not printed.

Caldwell, Chairman; Gibson, Buchanan of Scurry, Strickland, Smith, Floyd.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, March 9, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Towns and City Corporations, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 560, A bill to be entitled "An Act to provide an annual vacation to paid firemen in cities of 30,000 inhabitants or over; providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof, and declaring an emergency,"

Have had same under consideration, and beg leave to report same back to the Senate, with the recommendation that it do pass, and be printed in the Journal only.

Bee, Vice Chairman; Hall, Suiter, McCollum, Lattimore.

By Pillow et al.

H. B. No. 560.

A BILL
To Be Entitled,

An Act to provide an annual vacation to paid firemen in cities of 30,000 inhabitants or over; providing that the city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate the days each fireman is to be on vacation; prescribing penalties for the violation thereof and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. Each member of any paid fire department in any city containing more than 30,000 inhabitants, according to the last United States census, shall be allowed fifteen days' vacation in each year, not more than four men to be on vacation at the same time.

Sec. 2. The city official having supervision of the fire department shall designate days upon which each member of such department shall be allowed to be on vacation.

Sec. 3. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to affect Chapter 9, page 22, Acts of the First Called Session of the Thirty-fourth Legislature.

Sec. 4. Any city official having charge of the fire department of any city coming under this Act, who shall violate any of the provisions herein shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00).

Sec. 5. The fact that there is no law providing for vacations of firemen, and that such firemen are required to be continually on duty, thereby depriving them of rest and recreation, creates an emergency that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days, be, and the same is hereby, suspended, and that this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

(Floor Report.)

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas, March 8, 1917.

Hon. W. P. Hobby, President of the Senate.

Sir: Your Committee on Privi-

leges and Elections, to whom was referred

H. B. No. 258, A bill to be entitled "An Act providing that all candidates for nominations in primary elections shall have their campaign expenses limited; providing for reports from all candidates as to selection of their campaign committees; prescribing the persons who may make disbursements for such candidates, and defining the purposes for which disbursements may be made; providing for reports of all receipts, disbursements and financial obligations made in the interest of such campaigns by candidates and their campaign committees, and to whom such reports are to be made, and prescribing the nature of the same; providing that the name of no candidate shall be printed upon the official ballot who fails to make such reports; specifying sums candidates and their campaigns for nomination to office; defining violations of this Act, and prescribing penalties therefor; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency."

Have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report the same back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do pass and be printed in the Journal only.

Dayton, Chairman; King, Decherd, Johnston of Harris, Bailey, Page, Buchanan of Bell.

By Murrell and H. B. No. 258.
Thompson of Hunt.

A BILL
To Be Entitled

An Act providing that all candidates for nominations in primary elections shall have their campaign expenses limited; providing for reports from all candidates as to selection of their campaign committees; prescribing the persons who may make disbursements for such candidates, and defining the purposes for which disbursements may be made; providing for reports of all receipts, disbursements and financial obligations made in the interest of such campaigns by candidates and their campaign committees, and to whom such reports are to be made, and prescribing the nature of the same; providing that the name of no candidate shall be

printed upon the official ballot who fails to make such reports; specifying sums candidates and their campaign committees may spend in their campaigns for nomination to office; defining violations of this Act, and prescribing penalties therefor; repealing all laws in conflict herewith, and declaring an emergency.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. All persons who seek the nomination of any political party authorized to nominate candidates for office under the laws of this State, for the office of United States Senator, Representative in Congress, Governor, and all other State, district, county and precinct offices, of whatsoever character, are hereby declared subject to the provisions of this Act, and such candidates, in making their announcements for office, and in arranging and conducting their campaigns, shall conform to all the requirements herein prescribed as conditions upon which the names of such candidates may be printed upon their party nominating ballots.

Sec. 2. Any candidate for any office herein mentioned for which nominations are authorized under the provisions of our laws, may select a personal campaign committee to consist of one or more persons, to which may be given the general oversight and management of his campaign for the nomination such candidate may desire to seek in said primary, but, before any personal campaign committee shall make any disbursements in behalf of any candidate, or shall incur any obligation, express or implied, to make any disbursement in his behalf, it shall file with the Secretary of State, if the nomination sought is one to be made by all the voters of such party throughout the State, and with the county judge of the candidate's residence, if the nomination sought is that for a district or county office, a written statement, signed by such candidate, setting forth that such personal campaign committee has been appointed and giving the name and address of each member thereof, and the name and address of the secretary thereof, if such. If such campaign committee consists of only one person, such person shall be deemed the secretary thereof. Any

candidate for any nomination may revoke the selection of any member of such personal campaign committee by an instrument in writing, which, with proof of personal service on the member whose selection is so revoked, shall be filed with the officer with whom the appointment was filed. Such candidate may fill the vacancy thus created in the manner in which an original appointment is made. The acts of every member of such personal campaign committee will be presumed to be with the knowledge and approval of the candidate until it has been clearly proved that the candidate did not have knowledge of and approved the same, and that in the exercise of reasonable care and diligence he could not have had knowledge of or any opportunity to disapprove the same.

Sec. 3. No person or group of persons, other than a candidate or his personal campaign committee, or a party committee, shall in any campaign for the nomination for any office by the voters of his party in any primary election, make any disbursement for political purposes otherwise than through a personal campaign committee or a party committee, except that expenses incurred for rent of hall or other room for public speaking, for printing, for postage, for advertising, for distributing printed matter, for clerical assistance and for hotel and traveling expenses solely in connection with a public speaking engagement, may be contributed and paid by a person or group of persons residing within the county where such expenses are incurred, but not otherwise.

Sec. 4. No candidate for the nomination for any office authorized to be made under the provisions of our laws, shall make any disbursements for political purposes except:

(1) For his personal hotel and traveling expenses and for postage, telegraph and telephone expenses.

(2) For payments which he may make to the State pursuant to law.

(3) For contributions to his duly registered campaign committee.

(4) For contribution to his party committee.

(5) For other purposes enumerated by law when such candidate has no personal campaign committee, but not otherwise.

(6) After the primary election wherein a candidate has been nomi-

nated, such candidate shall make no disbursement in behalf of his candidacy, except contributions to his party committee, for his own actual necessary personal traveling expenses, and for postage, telegraph and telephone expenses.

Sec. 5. No party committee nor personal campaign committee shall make any disbursements except:

(1) For maintenance of headquarters and for hall rentals, incident to the holding of public meetings.

(2) For necessary stationery, postage and clerical assistance to be employed for the candidate at his headquarters or at the headquarters of the personal campaign committee, or party committee incident to the writing, addressing and mailing of letters and campaign literature.

(3) For necessary expenses incident to the furnishing and printing of badges, banners and other insignia, to the printing and posting of hand bills, posters, lithographs and other campaign literature and the distribution thereof through the mails or otherwise.

(4) For campaign advertising in newspapers, periodicals or magazines, as provided by law.

(5) For actual and necessary personal expenses of public speaking.

(6) For traveling expenses of member of party committees or personal campaign committees. Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing the employment on a salary or any other reward, any campaign manager, booster or political organizer.

Sec. 6. Every person who shall have any bill, charge or claim upon or against any personal campaign committee, and party committee or any candidate for any disbursement made, services rendered, or thing of value furnished, for political purposes or incurred in any manner in relation to any primary election held pursuant to our laws, shall render in writing to such committee or candidate, such bill, charge or claim within ten days after the date of such primary showing the nature of such bill, charge or claim, and the time and manner, the same was incurred. No candidate and no personal campaign committee shall pay any charge or claim so incurred prior to any primary election which is not

so presented within ten days after such primary election.

Sec. 7. Every candidate seeking the nomination for any office under the provisions of our laws, and every secretary or manager of any personal campaign committee shall on the second Saturday following the first disbursement in the interest of such candidacy, or incurred the first financial obligation therefor, express or implied, and thereafter on the second Saturday of each calendar month, until all disbursements shall have been accounted for, and also on the Saturday preceding any primary election, file a financial statement, verified upon the oath of such candidate, or upon the oath of the secretary of such committee, as the case may be, which statement shall cover all transactions not accounted for and reported upon in statements theretofore filed. Each statement after the first shall contain a summary of all preceding statements, and summarize all items theretofore reported under the provisions of each subdivision of this Act in a separate total, and shall state the sum and total of all disbursements up to date of the report. On or before the second Saturday after the election, a full statement shall be filed by each candidate in such primary election, and the secretary of every personal campaign committee, which statement shall include all former statements, and be as full and complete as that required for the statements required to be made on the last Saturday before the primary election under the provisions of this Act; provided, that in the case of all county and precinct candidates seeking nominations under the provisions of our laws, the county executive committee of such party, within its discretion, may waive the filing of all reports required by this section of this Act, except the final report of such candidates as herein prescribed.

Sec. 8. The statements required by the last preceding section of this Act in the case of all candidates for United States Senator, Congressman at Large, Governor and for all other State offices shall be filed with the county clerk of the county where such candidate resides, and a copy thereof shall be filed with the Secretary of State; in the case of all district, county and precinct offices, the candidates therefor shall file

such statements with the county clerk of their respective counties.

Sec. 9. Each statement required by this Act shall be itemized, and shall give in full detail:

(1) Every sum of money and all property, and every other thing of value received by such candidate or committee during such period from any source whatsoever which he uses or has used, or is at liberty to use for political purposes, together with the name of every person from which same was received, the specific purposes for which it was received, together with the total amount received from all sources in any amounts or manner whatsoever.

(2) Every promise or pledge of money, property or other thing of value received by such candidate or committee during such period, the proceeds of which he uses or has used or is at liberty to use for political purposes, together with the names of the persons by whom each was promised or pledged, and the date when each was so promised or pledged, together with the total amounts promised or pledged from all sources in any amount or manner whatsoever.

(3) Every disbursement made by such candidate or committee for political purposes during such period, together with the name of every person to whom the disbursement is made, the specific purpose for which each was made, and the date when each was made, together with the total amount of disbursements made in any amounts or manner whatsoever.

(4) Every obligation, express or implied, to make any disbursement incurred by such candidate or committee for political purposes during such period, together with the names of the person or persons to or with whom each such obligation has been incurred, the specific purpose for which each was made, and the date when each was incurred, together with the total amount of such obligations made in any amounts or manner whatsoever.

Sec. 10. Each and every person who shall receive any payment directly or indirectly for political purposes in a campaign before a primary election, from any candidate or from his political manager or personal campaign committee, whether as salary or as expenses, shall within thir-

ty days after such payment has been made, or such payment has been promised, make a sworn statement showing in detail said payment or promised payment, by whom made, and what consideration or services were rendered for the same. Any person who comes within the provisions of this section and who fails to make the statements herein prescribed shall, upon conviction, be confined in the county jail for not less than ten nor more than thirty days.

Sec. 11. Blanks for all statements required in carrying out the provisions of this Act in the matter of reports to be made by candidates and their campaign committees shall be prepared by the State executive committee of each political party making nominations through primary elections, and copies thereof, together with a copy of the sections of this Act prescribing the time and the manner of making such report, shall be furnished by the chairman of such executive committee to the secretary of every personal campaign committee, and to every candidate required by this Act to make out and file such reports, and to all other persons required by law to file such statement who may apply therefor.

Sec. 12. The name of no candidate for office for which nominations are made under the provisions of our laws shall be printed on the official ballot to be voted in the ensuing general election, unless there has been filed by or on behalf of said candidate and by his personal campaign committee, if any, the statements of accounts and expenses relating to the nominations of candidates for office under the provisions of this Act; provided, that in all cases wherein county executive committees have waived such requirements on the part of county and precinct candidates for office, to such extent, and to such extent only, the requirements herein set forth shall not apply.

Sec. 13. Every person other than a candidate or a personal campaign committee, who shall within any twelve months before or after any primary election, make any disbursements for any political purposes relating to the nomination of any candidate to be voted for, or that has been voted for therein, exceeding in the aggregate twenty-five (\$25.00)

dollars in amount and value, shall file within forty-eight hours after making such disbursements, causing the aggregate of such disbursements to reach such amount, a sworn statement thereof with the clerk of the county wherein he resided. Such statement shall give in full detail, with date, every item of money, property, or other thing of value constituting any part of such disbursement, the exact means by which, and the manner in which each such disbursement is made; the name and address of every person to whom each was made, and the specific purpose for which each was made.

Sec. 14. No disbursement shall be made, and no obligation, express or implied, to make such disbursement or payment, shall be incurred by or on behalf of any candidate for the nomination for any office under the provisions of our laws, which disbursements made and promised shall be in the aggregate in excess of the sums herein specified in case of the respective candidates named as follows:

Candidate for United States Senator, Congressman-at-large and Governor, the sum of \$5,000 preceding the date of the general primary election, and \$1,000 additional when a contest in the second primary election is necessary.

Candidates for all other State offices and district Congressmen, \$2,500 preceding date of general primary, and \$500 additional in case of contest in the second primary election.

All other candidates for district offices of whatsoever character, the sum of \$1,750 preceding the date of the general primary election, and \$250 additional when a contest in the second primary election shall be necessary.

All candidates for county offices, the sum of \$750 preceding the general election, and \$250 additional when a contest in the second primary shall be necessary.

All precinct candidates, the sum of \$350 preceding the general primary election, and \$150 additional when a contest in the second primary election shall be necessary. Provided, that the expenditures allowed in Section 3 of this Act shall not be included in estimating the sums herein prescribed as the limits of the expenses of the respective candidates

named which may be incurred in such primary elections.

Sec. 15. Any candidate for the nomination for any office provided for in our laws may delegate to his personal campaign committee by a writing duly subscribed by him the expenditure of any portion of the total disbursements which are authorized to be incurred by him or on his behalf, but the total of all disbursements by himself and by his personal campaign committee in his behalf shall not exceed in the aggregate the respective amounts specified in the last preceding Section of this Act; provided, that the expenditures allowed in Section 3 of this Act shall not be included in estimating such total amount.

Sec. 16. Any candidate for the nomination for any office provided for in our laws who shall fail to do and perform any of the things or acts required of him as prescribed herein relating to the disbursement or collection of money or anything of value for political purposes, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be confined in the county jail for not less than thirty nor more than one hundred days, and, in addition thereto, may be fined not less than two hundred nor more than five hundred dollars, nor shall he be entitled to hold the office for which he may have been nominated, and any person who has been so convicted shall not have his name placed upon the official ballot of his party to be voted in any general election.

Sec. 17. No person shall receive or accept any money, property or other thing of value, or any promise or pledge thereof, constituting a disbursement made for political purposes contrary to law.

Sec. 18. In any prosecution for violation of the provision set out in the last preceding section of this Act, it shall be a defense, if the accused person shall prove that he had neither knowledge that such disbursements constituted a disbursement made for political purposes contrary to law, nor any reasonable cause to believe that it constituted such disbursement.

Sec. 19. No candidate for any nomination subject to the provisions of this Act shall make any disbursements for political purposes except under his personal direction, which

for every purpose shall be considered the act of such candidate, through a party committee, or through a personal committee, whose authority to act shall have been filed as provided by this Act.

Sec. 20. All laws and parts of laws in conflict with any of the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed; provided, that each and every provision of the laws of this State which has for its object the prevention of the illegal or corrupt use of money or other valuable thing in any election in this State, whether general or primary election, shall by this Act be recognized as being of equal validity and binding force as if here in re-enacted.

Sec. 21. The fact that there is now no adequate law providing for reports of candidates as to their campaign expenses and limiting the amount of the same, and the further fact of the limited duration of this session of the Legislature during which this may be considered and enacted, create an emergency and imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house shall be and the same is hereby suspended, that this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Engrossed Rider.

Amend H. B. No. 258, page 4, Section 8, lines 30-31, by striking out words "Congressmen at large" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Representatives in Congress from the State at large."

Adopted March 6, 1917.

Amend H. B. No. 258, page 6, Section 14, line 37, by striking out words "Congressmen at large" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "Representative in Congress from the State at large."

Adopted March 6, 1917.

Amend H. B. No. 258, Section 14, page 7, line 1, by striking out words "district Congressman" and inserting in lieu thereof the words "District Representative in Congress."

Adopted March 6, 1917.

Amend H. B. No. 258, page 7, Section 14, line 4, by inserting after the word "character" the following: "and which districts are composed of more than one county."

Adopted March 6, 1917.

Amend H. B. No. 258, page 7, Section 14, line 8, by inserting after the word "offices" the following: "and for district offices where such districts are composed of one county only."

Adopted March 6, 1917.

Amend H. B. No. 258, page 2, Section 4, line 38, by inserting after the word "telegraph" the word "cards."

Adopted March 6, 1917.

BOB BARKER,
Chief Clerk, House Representatives.

FORTY - SEVENTH DAY.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas,

Saturday, March 10, 1917.

The Senate met at 10 o'clock a. m., pursuant to adjournment, and was called to order by Lieutenant Governor W. P. Hobby.

The roll was called, a quorum being present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Hudspeth.
Bee.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Lattimore.
Buchanan of Scurry.	McCollum.
Caldwell.	Page.
Dayton.	Parr.
Dean.	Robbins.
Decherd.	Smith.
Floyd.	Strickland.
Gibson.	Suiter.
Harley.	Westbrook.

Absent.

Clark.	King.
Hall.	McNealus.
Johnston of Harris.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Henderson.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Pending the reading of the Journal of yesterday, the same was dispensed with on motion of Senator Dean.

Excused.

Senator Hall, for today and next Monday on account of important business, on motion of Senator Bailey.